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SUBJ: RHODESIA: STATE HOUSE DEFENDS BOTH NKOMO AND NYERERE

1. STATE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SEPTEMBER 5 VOICED APPROVAL FOR BOTH NYERERE AND NKOMO. TANZANIA, CONTRARY TO WHAT HAS BEEN SAID BY NKOMO, IS A FRONTLINE STATE. "ZAMBIA HAS ALWAYS TREATED OUR SISTER REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AS A FRONTLINE COUNTRY, AND ZAMBIA WILL CONTINUE TO TREAT TANZANIA AS A FRONTLINE COUNTRY." ZAMBIA HAD PROPOSED NYERERE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSULTATIVE SUMMITS OF THE FRONTLINE AND "ZAMBIA WILL CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE HIM AS SUCH." ZAMBIA IS BOUND BY FRONTLINE DECISION THAT MEMBER STATES SHOULD NOT CONTACT RHODESIAN REGIME BEFORE BRIEFING ONE ANOTHER. ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO CHECK WITH THE FRONTLINE STATES BEFORE TALKING TO SMITH.

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2. COMMENT: THIS SOLOMON-LIKE STATEMENT REFLECTS THE BIND THAT ZAMBIA NOW FINDS ITSELF IN. ZAMBIA SUPPORTED NKOMO'S DIRECT CONTACT WITH SMITH AND CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE NOW DENOUNCE SOMETHING WHICH IT ENCOURAGED. FURTHER, NKOMO IS A GOOD FRIEND OF KAUNDA AND HE CANNOT SIMPLY BE LEFT IN THE LURCH. ON THE OTHER HAND, ZAMBIA DOES NOT WANT ITS RELATIONS WITH

TANZANIA TO GO COMPLETELY SOUR. THEREFORE, SOME DEFENSE OF NYERERE IS REQUIRED EVEN IF IT MEANS ZAMBIA HAS TO ADMIT DOING WRONG--CONTACTING SMITH WITHOUT INFORMING THE OTHER FRONTLINE STATES.
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